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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TERRORISM

REF: ATHENS 1112

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CALL BY NOMIKOS ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (SEPTTEL) TO CONVEY EXTREME CONCERN OVER VIEWS EXPRESSED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TETENES TO AMBASSADOR TASCA ON ARAB TERRORISTS.
2. DAVIES READ APPROPRIATE EXCERPTS FROM ATHENS 1112 TO NOMIKOS WHO HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF FEBRUARY 21 MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. DAVIES ALSO NOTED THAT HE, TOO, HAD SERVED IN ARAB WORLD AND FELT HE COULD SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY ON ARAB VIEWS ON TERRORISM. HE NOTED THAT BOTH SUDANESE AND KUWAITI GOVERNMENTS HAVE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED THEY REGARD TERRORISTS WHOM THEY ARE NOW HOLDING AS CRIMINALS, NOT POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MAJOR PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAD CONDEMNED ACTS OF TERRORISM.
3. RETURNING TO POSITION OF TETENES, DAVIES STRESSED:
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A. THAT USG TAKES A MOST SERIOUS VIEW OF HOW

GOVERNMENTS HANDLE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM AND NOT ONLY IN CASES WHERE AMERICANS ARE VICTIMS AS IN ATHENS KILLINGS.

B. THAT AMBASSADOR TASCA HAD ACCURATELY REFLECTED
VIEWS OF USG IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH TETENES;

C. THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZING AMBASSADOR TASCA TO
INFORM GOG OF POSITION OF GOVERNMENTS OF SUDAN AND KUWAIT
ON THIS SUBJECT, DULY RESPECTING CONFIDENTIALITY OF
BILATERAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, AND

D. THAT IT WOULD BE MISTAKE FOR GOG TO BELIEVE THAT,
BY PARDONING OR EXPELLING TERRORISTS, IT WOULD BE BUYING
IMMUNITY FROM ADDITIONAL TERRORIST ACTS BY THIS OR OTHER
SPLINTER GROUPS.

4. NOMIKOS, WHO SEEMED SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY FORCEFUL-
NESS OF DAVIES' PRESENTATION, SIMPLY REPLIED THAT HE
UNDERSTOOD STRONG VIEWS OF USG ON THIS QUESTION AND THAT
HE WOULD PROMPTLY CONVEY THEM TO FONMIN.

5. WE WILL SEND YOU BY SEPARATE MESSAGE RECOMMENDATIONS
ON APPROACH YOU SHOULD TAKE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS
WITH GOG OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT. RUSH

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